

June 3, 2014

Dear City Council Members:

Thank you for your letter of June 2. I will be in contact with Mr. Schnirman to schedule a meeting to discuss the current status and future planning of health care services on the barrier island. We look forward to working closely with city officials and community members to provide the Long Beach region with the highest quality healthcare services.

While South Nassau is moving forward rapidly to put services in place, I would like to clarify the fact that although the bankruptcy court approved the sale of LBMC to South Nassau, closing on the sale and transfer of Long Beach Medical Center's assets will take several weeks or months as the transaction requires review by state agencies. Despite that, we are moving forward on a number of fronts and are working closely with the New York State Department of Health and other agencies, including the City of Long Beach.

South Nassau is pleased to inform the City Council and Long Beach residents that this Thursday, we expect to commence construction of a modular Urgent Care Center to be located at 325 East Bay Drive, which is the vacant lot to the west of the Komanoff Nursing Center. The center is intended to be fully operational on July 1, and will provide comprehensive care and treatment for a wide array of urgent acute medical conditions, as well as ambulatory care with subspecialty physician backup, supported through an integrated information technology system connecting the center to South Nassau. Laboratory and radiology imaging services will be provided on-site as well. Care will be provided on a walk-in basis, with no appointments required. Patients who are assessed as in need of further emergency care or hospitalization will be transported to South Nassau, or the hospital of their choice, via on-site ambulance services provided by South Nassau.

The center will also feature a completely resurfaced parking lot with 50 parking spaces for patients and employees, 4 handicap parking spaces and two parking bays reserved for ambulances. The parking lot and center will be beautified with new landscaping, including shrubs, flowers, trees, and lighting. Upon state approval, South Nassau will transition the urgent care center to a 911-emergency receiving facility.

Residents and neighbors may also have noticed that South Nassau has been replenishing and revitalizing the hospital campus grounds, clearing debris and trash, manicuring lawns, removing and replacing dead shrubs and trees, and trimming overgrown trees that pose a hazard to power and telephone lines in the neighborhood.

Finally, South Nassau has also recently opened its "Family Medicine Center at Long Beach" located at 761 Franklin Blvd. Those in need of family medicine services may call 516-544-2351 to schedule an appointment.

I can assure you that the health and well-being of all people across our region are most important to us at South Nassau. On behalf of the Board of Directors, its medical staff and administration, assessing community health needs will be a priority as we move ahead. For this reason, we look forward to working diligently with the City of Long Beach, the City Council, various community members and others to develop solutions that meet the regional healthcare needs of the communities served by South Nassau Communities Hospital.

Sincerely,

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